

Recommend Focus Areas for your IGAP Grant

While EPA Region 10 provides funding for all activities that build the capacity of tribal governments to manage environmental programs, Region 10 recommends objectives and activities in the following areas:

- **Managing Solid and Hazardous Waste:** Region 10 recommends this focus for two reasons. First, implementation of solid and hazardous waste management programs and projects is within the scope of the GAP program. Second, Region 10 is aware that solid waste management is a significant concern to many of the Tribes in Region 10 and elsewhere. It appears to be an issue of special importance to Tribes located in Alaska where unmanaged open dumps may contaminate drinking water sources and otherwise have adverse effects on tribal health and subsistence
- **Responding to Climate Change:** Tribes in Region 10, especially those located in Alaska, are increasingly concerned about the rate and effect of climate change on their communities and lifeways. Region 10 supports the use of GAP funds, consistent with the capacity building focus of the program, to gather and report on changed climatic conditions and to plan for how Tribes can best respond to the climate-change related risks, such as the coastal erosion and consequent increased risk of flooding. Exploration of ways in which Tribes and their members can reduce carbon emissions is also encouraged.
- **Protecting Subsistence Resources:** At the most recent Tribal Leaders Summit hosted by the Umatilla Tribe in August 2006, emphasis was placed on the importance of protecting the harvest of subsistence foods. Region 10 recognizes that protecting and restoring healthy and abundant subsistence foods is critical to maintaining tribal communities and tribal culture. Region 10 encourages the use of GAP funds for activities such as fish tissue sampling, and fish consumption surveys, and baseline water quality assessments.